on the basis of proposals received from the State Government. The criteria of 4 beds per 1000 insured persons subject to a minimum of 50 beds is generally adopted.

(b) The Corporation has agreed, in principle, to construct two hospitals during the current year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Increase In Tyre Prices

2066. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to entrust the matter relating to the increase in the prices of tyres to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government so far on the report submitted by this Bureau for the year 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). At the request of the Government, BICP had carried out a study on Tyre Industry. Its report was submitted in two phases, Phase-I in May, 1985 and phase-II in June, 1987. The Government on the recommendation of BICP, have placed specified categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers to keep a check on prices of these tyres.

Diploma to Trained Apprentices

2067. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pay scales fixed for trained apprentices in various trades in Government jobs;

(b) whether the Delhi Administration provide four-year training in tool and die-making trade at Wazirpur Industrial Area and after completing the training, a diploma is given whereas those who are getting the said training in firms are given certificate;

(c) whether the said diploma and certificate are given after examination conducted by the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the reasons for this discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The apprentices are paid a stipend while in training. After their training they get absorbed in the various undertakings in the public or private sector as per market demand. The details of the pay scales against which these apprentices get jobs are not available with the Ministry of Labour.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)(i) The Tool Room & Training Centre, Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi has been conducting four-years diploma in Tool & Die Making and the examination is conducted by Board of Technical Education Delhi Administration, Delhi.

(ii) A 4 years Apprentioeship training programme is conducted under the Apprentices Act, 1961 in the trade of Tool & Die Making and the trade tests

are conducted under the aegis of NCVT, Ministry of Labour and Certificate is awarded to the successful Apprentices.

(d) There is no discrimination in view of (c) above.

Amendment in P.F. Rules

*2068. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make some amendments in the existing rules to ensure timely payments of provident fund and also the amount due under Employees State Insurance Scheme etc;

(b) if so, the time by which these amendments are likely to be made; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Repair of Lala Ram Sarup Institute of Tuberculosis and Allied Diseases in Mehrauli

2069. SHRI KESRI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wards in the Lala Ram Sarup Institute of Tuberculosis and Allied Diseases in Mehrauli, Delhi are in a bad shape and need immediate repairs;

(b) whether the CPWD has undertaken to repair them two years back and the funds necessary have already been made available to them for carrying out the repairs;

(c) whether the CPWD have not yet carried out the job entrusted to them;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in taking up the work; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the repair work and complete it within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e). It is correct that Lala Ram Sarup Institute of Tuberculosis and Allied diseases in Mehrauli needed repairs. The work of renovation of the Institute was entrusted to the CPWD as a 'deposit work'. As almost all the wards were in need of repairs/renovation and it was not possible to close down the Institute, renovation of all the wards could not be taken up simultaneously. It was, accordingly, decided by the Institute authorities that the renovation may be taken up in one ward at a time. The work in other wards will be taken up only after it is completed in one ward and the same is handed over back to Institute authorities. It is due to this son that the work has taken more time. Close co-ordination is being maintained between the CPWD and the Institute authorities with a view to comple the work in a time frame.

20-Point Programme in Andhra Pradesh

2070. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state: